



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 9, 2022

A graphic with a green rectangular center containing the text "BIG QUESTIONS". The background is a collage of colorful, torn paper pieces in shades of pink, blue, yellow, and green, many of which have black question marks on them.

**BIG
QUESTIONS**

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Sentences of Scripture

Hear these words from Holy Scripture:

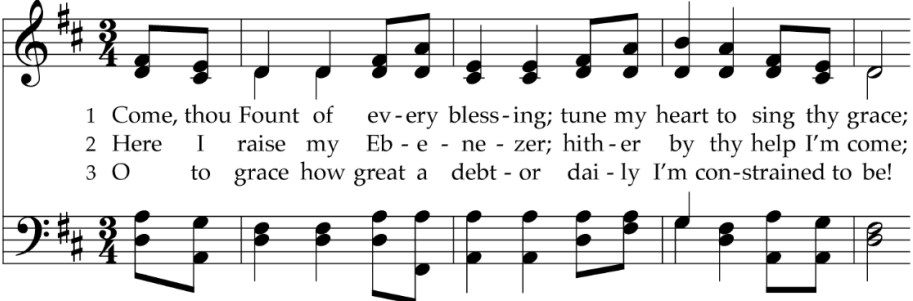
Just as the body is one
and has many members
and all the members of the body, though many,
are one body,
so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit
we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

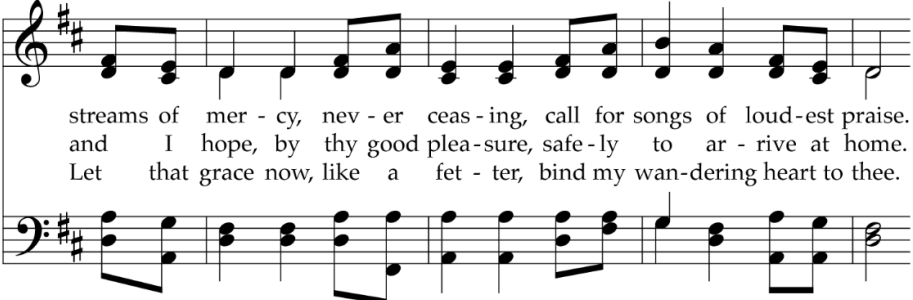
Now you are the body of Christ
and individually members of it.

God has told you what is good:
and what does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.

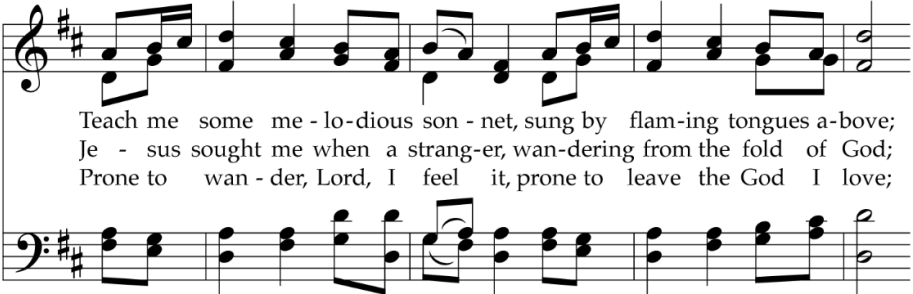
Hymn #475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



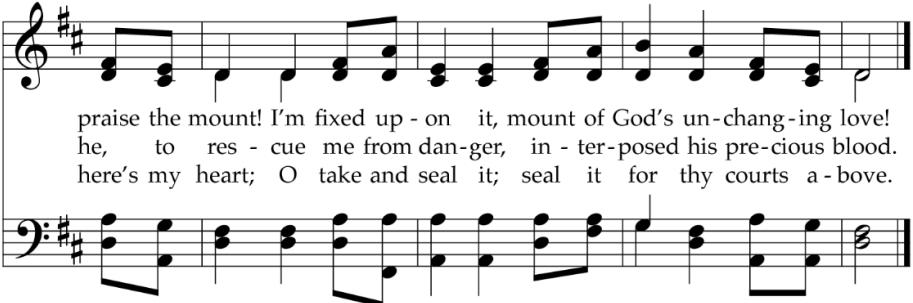
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Sovereign God,
in baptism you called us to turn from sin
and to turn to Jesus Christ;
but we stray from his ways
and do not heed your call.*

Silence

*In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death
that we might be raised with Christ in new life;
but we cherish old ways
and fail to embrace the risen life
of righteousness, justice, and love.*

Silence

*In baptism you united us with all the baptized
who confess your name;
but we foster division in the church.
We refuse to live as one people,
and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.*

Silence

*In baptism you call us to ministry
in all realms of life,
but we refuse the struggle to know your will;
and do not nurture the ways of peace;
we allow enmity and hatred to grow among us,
putting neighbor against neighbor,
and nation against nation.
We abuse the earth you entrust to our care,
and life in discord with all you have made.*

Silence

*Lord, have mercy on us.
Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism,
forgive our sinful ways
and heal our brokenness.
Set us free from all that enslaves us,
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,
that we may be your faithful servants,
showing forth your healing love to the world,*

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace** *(Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you)*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Scripture Reading Romans 6:1-11

Sermon Baptismal Questions

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection - Living the Questions Video from *The Work of the People*

Remembrance of Baptism *(Have a bowl or water near you.)*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn #547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com-fort

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude *O Zion, Haste*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Mike Brown

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
Vocals: Sue Rosser and Jadrian Tarver
Video Producer: Heather Myer

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Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Christian Education
Bridgette Redman	Office Administrator
Tamar Mikeladze	Pianist/Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director

This Week at Eastminster:

Jan. 9 through Jan. 16

SUNDAY, 1/9

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Education Hour (on Zoom)	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 1/10

Worship Committee	10:30 a.m.
Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/11

Session	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 1/12 Church Office Closed

Records Day	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 1/16

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Education Hour	11:00 a.m.

Big Questions Sermon Series

This Sunday, we are beginning a new sermon series, "Big Questions." You were asked to send questions that you'd like addressed from the pulpit. After identifying some recurring themes, those questions now form our new series. Please know if you submitted a question and it is not being addressed, you are welcome to come talk about it with Kristin. Come explore big questions with us!

January 9th: Baptismal Questions

January 16th: What does a Christian Have to Believe?

January 23rd: The World is a Mess. Why Doesn't God do Something?

February 6th: Predestination: Is This Good News?

February 13th: The Cross: Why Did Jesus Have to Die? Is God Against Us?

February 20th: Heaven: Will We Recognize Each Other? Can We Trust We'll Get There? Is There Enough Room?

February 27th: What is the Role of the Church in 2022?

BIG QUESTIONS Discussion Time - Sundays at 11am

Big Questions. We all have them, especially when it comes to our faith journeys. Join us on Zoom today, January 9th at 11am as we create space to ask (not answer) our big questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, scripture, theology, faith, church and more. This time of asking and wondering together will help us set some framework for our new education series that will run each week after worship in the months of January and February. Faith formation is a lifelong endeavor whether we are new to church, been part of church for a long time, or anywhere in between. Let's ask, learn and grow together as we explore Big Questions.

Records Day

The office will be closed next Wednesday, Jan. 12 for Records Day. The staff will be focused on administrative work and opening the new year.